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FmHA AN No. 2167 (1951)

October 26, 1990

SUBJECT: Hardship Claims Under Administrative Offset

TO: State Directors, District Directors, and County Supervisors

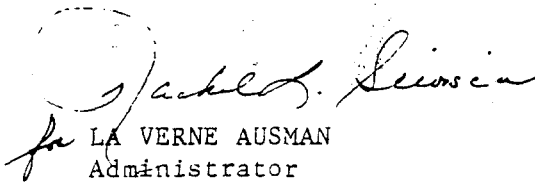
PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME: The purpose of this AN is to remind County Supervisors of the hardship criterion in administrative offset. This applies to borrowers who were previously referred for administrative offset between November 26, 1986, and December 7, 1987, and new administrative offset candidates.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN: No AN has been issued on this subject.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES: A borrower may ask for a meeting concerning administrative offset after receiving FmHA Form Letter 1951-C-1, Attachment 1 of FmHA AN No. 2110, or the letter attached to FmHA AN No. 2135. The basis for the meeting should be that the borrower feels that administrative offset would be unfair or would cause extreme hardship.

When reviewing the borrower's hardship claim, the County Supervisor will refer to FmHA Instruction 1951-C, §1951.104(g). This section states, "Extreme hardship exemptions are intended to be limited to providing food, shelter and medical care for the borrower's immediate family." Where available, the County Supervisor should get documentary evidence, such as bills or receipts, from the borrower that support the hardship claim. Extreme hardship in the case of administrative offset does not apply to the borrower's farming enterprise, only to the borrower's essential family living expenses.

If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Hudec (202) 382-8356 or FTS 382-8356.

  
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Administrator

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